

TO CROWD RICHMOND

Over 7,000 People Expected to Come
Here on This Week's Excursions.

CREAT SUCCESS IS IMMINENT.

**FULL DETAILS AS TO THE SCHEDULES AND
FARES OF EACH TRAIN—MANY COMING
FROM NORTH CAROLINA—ATTRACTIVE
TOBACCO SALES.**

Seven thousand people or more is regarded to be a conservative estimate of the number of visitors this week's excursions will bring to this historic city.

Richmond has made such preparations for bringing her country friends here that the old town will, for the next several days, be turned over to them, and they will be at liberty to do as they please with it.

The old city upon the James opens wide gates and invites all to come and see her advantages, her historic places, her splendid buildings, to confer with her business-men, know more of her people and her possibilities, and incidentally to do their shopping, if they have any to do while here.

There will be excursions over seven lines and ample accommodations have been provided for all who may desire to come, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, in fact the whole of the week, will be gala time that the Association for the Development of Richmond Trade has not seen since in its labors. A large concourse of people like that which will be here is the best evidence in the world that the fundamental principle of the association is right—that people who live in the interior will visit the city if a low enough rate is offered them. There is great advantage not only to the city of Richmond in these excursions, but to the people who visit here, as it offers them opportunities that otherwise could not be theirs. Richmond is one of the greatest shopping centers of the South, and people who visit Richmond for the express purpose of buying their needs can make a dollar go further in a great community like this than in any hamlet or village.

WILL BENEFIT ALL CLASSES.

The objection of some of the country merchants to the reduced rates which the business-men are going to offer out-of-town people to induce them to come to Richmond are childish and unreasonable. It is in a new form the old object to increase and improve facilities to enable country people to travel, to come in contact with the life and progress of the city. When the systems of railroads were first constructed through Virginia and the Carolinas there were people in considerable numbers who claimed that the railroads would ruin the country; that they would drain it of all its money and products, and carry people to the cities at the expense of the prosperity of country towns. This object, however, is not tenable, and is contrary to the spirit of progress and development characteristic of American life at this age, and, carried to its logical conclusion, would turn the mass of civilization to ignorance and stagnation. The country people will visit the cities, necessarily, are the great manufacturing and shopping centers, and the country people who visit them carry home, in addition to their purchases, ideas and knowledge which act as an inspiration to their mental improvement and their capacity to produce larger and more profitable crops.

THE CONTACT ELEVATES.

Contact with city life elevates, and the educated man, rightly so, can raise more profitable crops, and is a better farmer and citizen for that very reason. The country merchant should not endeavor to impede the dissemination of knowledge and good, but put himself in line with the proper progress and improvement of the age. The country merchant overlooks a great possibility in the success of the plan of the association to bring the country towns within closer communication with Richmond. The farming districts of any place that are in close communications with a large city must necessarily be at least productive. The country farmers to run a large city on the expenditure of \$1 is of incalculable value to any farming district, and the fact that farmers within a hundred or more miles of Richmond can reach this city on an small an expenditure would undoubtedly attract the attention of northern and western farmers, and bring them here, because of such advantageous circumstances.

With this increase of population to the farming districts throughout Virginia comes the natural result of country towns becoming prosperous cities. Who would share in this prosperity more than town merchants? Let every merchant, let every town merchant, break the cold web of his brain and assist and co-operate in furthering a plan, the success of which would bring to no one greater prosperity than to himself.

MAKING EFFORTS TO PLEASE.

The coming week the business-men of this city will do all in their power to make every effort to entertain the excursionists. All the stores will give the promptest attention and care to out-of-town shoppers, and special sales in different lines will be held. It is almost needless to say that not an excursionist will go home displeased.

Both the young gentlemen are experienced in handling excursions, and the utmost care will be exercised. They will personally manage the train and look after the comfort and welfare of women and children. There will be plenty of coaches for everybody. Here is the schedule, the fares, etc:

ROUND TRIP FARE.

Leave Fort Monroe \$1.00
Leave Pheobus 63¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Hampton 63¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Old Point 72¢ A. M. 1.00
Arrive News 73¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave News 72¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Old Point Junction 72¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Morrison 73¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Orlando 74¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Lee Hall 72¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Grove 82¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Williamsburg 82¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Kilton 82¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Toano 82¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Dismund 82¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Lanexa 83¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Walkers 84¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Providence Forge 82¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Roxbury 92¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Elko 91¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Fort Lee 92¢ A. M. 1.00
Leave Orleans Street 93¢ A. M. 1.00
Arrive Richmond 94¢ A. M. 1.00
Returning, leaves Richmond same day 63¢ P. M.

SOUTH BOSTON TRAIN.

The South Boston excursion will start from Faces, Messrs. J. M. Carrington and A. H. Vaughan, who acted as managers of the last excursion, and this section will have charge of the trains. Monday.

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Leave Faces 12.25 P. M. \$1.00
Leave New Ferry 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave South Boston 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Trap 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Scotland 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Clover 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Randolph 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Saxe 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Mossingford 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Drakes Branch 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Keyesvalley 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Meherin 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Green Bay 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Burkeville 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Jeterville 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Amelia Courthouse 12.25 P. M. 1.00
Leave Chula 12.25 P. M. 1.00

NORTH CAROLINA EXCURSIONS.

Great enthusiasm is felt all through North Carolina at the prospects of visiting Richmond at a rate of fare that is one fourth the usual price, and in some cases less than that. Parties are being made up, and a great many farmers will come to attend the tobacco sale, which will be held here. Purchasing parties are being formed for the purpose of buying clothing and all sorts of dry-goods for the coming summer. Several little pleasure assemblies are being made up for the purpose of visiting the Jefferson Davis Confederate Museum (Jeff. Davis Mansion), the Jefferson Hotel, the State Library Building, Hollywood Cemetery, and the other points of interest that have added so much to Richmond's name.

On the Atlantic Coast, the excursion from Goldsboro will leave Monday morning and return the following day. Cars will be left at Wilson, Rocky Mount, and Winterville, so that excursionists may catch them there, and await the arrival of the excursion train. The Goldsboro train will have all the coaches necessary for the accommodation of excursionists. The departure of trains from the different points, together with the rate of fare, is as follows:

FROM GOLDSBORO TO RICHMOND.

ROUND TRIP FARE.

Leave Farmville 6.20 A. M. 1.00
Leave Rice 6.37 A. M. 1.00
Leave Burkville 7.51 A. M. 1.00
Arrive Crewe 7.35 A. M. 1.00
Leave Crewe 7.39 A. M. 1.00
Leave Nottoway 7.39 A. M. 1.00
Leave Blackstone 7.39 A. M. 1.00
Leave Whiteville 7.31 A. M. 1.00
Leave Wilson 7.37 A. M. 1.00
Leave Ford 7.32 A. M. 1.00
Leave Church Roads 8.23 A. M. 1.00
Arrive Richmond 8.23 A. M. 1.00
Returning, leaves Richmond same day 6.20 P. M.

THE TRIP FROM OXFORD.

The train over the Southern road will be run from Oxford, and this, as well as the Goldsboro' excursion, will be under the management of Mr. H. C. Hudson, a well-known resident of Scottsville, who will have charge of both excursions. Mr. Hudson is an experienced man, and his name assures success. There will be abundant accommodations on both

THE C. & O. EXCURSIONS.

The Howardsville, Charlottesville, and Fort Monroe trains will also arrive and

leave Richmond on Thursday, May 16th.

On the main division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway an excursion will leave Charlottesville with seven coaches, and a car will be left at Louisa Courthouse, so that excursionists may get seats before the arrival of the excursion train, and, even in case they don't, there will be sufficient accommodations, as the excursion train will have extra coaches this time.

Below is given the schedule and rate of fare from Charlottesville:

ROUND TRIP FARE.

Leave Charlottesville 7.00 A. M. 1.00
Leave Shawell 7.11 A. M. 1.00
Leave Kewick 7.16 A. M. 1.00
Leave Campbell 7.24 A. M. 1.00
Leave Cobham 7.29 A. M. 1.00
Leave Lindsay 7.35 A. M. 1.00
Leave Gordonsville 7.45 A. M. 1.00
Leave Melton 7.53 A. M. 1.00
Leave Green Spring 7.59 A. M. 1.00
Leave Trevillian 8.05 A. M. 1.00
Leave Louis 8.15 A. M. 1.00
Leave Mineral 8.27 A. M. 1.00
Leave Pendleton 8.30 A. M. 1.00
Leave Fredericks Hall 8.40 A. M. 1.00
Leave Buckners 8.46 A. M. 1.00
Leave Bumpass 8.50 A. M. 1.00
Leave Dawson 8.55 A. M. 1.00
Leave Beaver Dam 9.01 A. M. 1.00
Leave Flewell 9.11 A. M. 1.00
Leave New 9.18 A. M. 1.00
Leave Dossell 9.27 A. M. 1.00
Leave Wickham 9.30 A. M. 1.00
Leave Hanover 9.40 A. M. 1.00
Leave Cady 9.49 A. M. 1.00
Leave Peake 9.53 A. M. 1.00
Leave Ashecote 9.57 A. M. 1.00
Leave Atlee 10.04 A. M. 1.00
Leave Ellersons 10.08 A. M. 1.00
Leave Huntlett 10.19 A. M. 1.00
Arrive Richmond 10.25 A. M. 1.00
Returning, leaves Richmond same day at 6.35 P. M.

FROM HOWARDVILLE.

On the James-River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway an excursion will leave Howardsville, made up of seven coaches. On this road also a car will be left, and at Bremo excursionists will be accommodated on all the trains, and positively no intoxicated persons will be allowed on board. A baggage-car will also be attached to the trains, and all excursions on all lines will be run, rains or shine.

HIGHLAND SPRINGS NEWS NOTES.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS FROM THIS POPULAR SUBURB.

Mr. Gordon, of Madison county, is studying medicine under Dr. Collins.

On Sunday evening last, a Gospel temperance meeting was held at the Baptist church. Mrs. J. O. Allwood conducted the meeting, her subject being "Faith."

The Methodist Sunday school has increased its enrollment to seven-five.

The school was organized less than month ago. Unfortunately, Corinth and Highland Springs' school funds are very limited.

The Misses Gregg, of West Point, were visiting the vicinity.

The round-trip fare, and goes into effect Sunday, May 8.—Some very wise people have proved to their entire satisfaction that the highest office of woman is queen of the home.

The eminent Dr. Holland used to have in his lyceum reperatory a lecture on the eternal woman question and her home duties. One night, after he had delivered this lecture in Washington, a young lady who was studying medicine, said to him:

"Doctor, what you say is very good for women who have husbands and children, but what do you say to those of us who have none?"

"I say get them," was the curt rejoinder.

But marriage is no longer the sine qua non of woman's existence. Outside of that, just what is her "true sphere" will probably never be settled to suit every one. It is a fact that women themselves are as widely at variance on that issue as men. The sphere is like a teeter-down up, now down—but never up, nor down long enough to say, "There you are!" However, we have found it now revealing for the first time in the sacred circle of the modern church, with four women elected admitted to the Methodist conference in Ohio. Perhaps, it is as well that the Church, whose founder was John Wesley, should be the first to recognize women in its councils. It is to the mother of John Wesley, who must have had some intuition of her son's spiritual future, that Wesleyan Methodism has given divine.

"I do intend," said this good mother,

"to be more particularly careful about the soul of this child." It is really nothing "new," this uplifting of woman to the Church. The greatest sermon ever preached—upon which rests the religion of Christ for all ages—was preached by a woman; may it, by a council, or synod, or presbytery, or conference of women, just as you choose to call it. It was the sermon of the Resurrection. Women were the first to proclaim the Resurrection to the world. The greatest sermon ever preached—the one which rests the religion of Christ for all ages—was preached by a woman; may it, by a council, or synod, or presbytery, or conference of women, just as you choose to call it. It was the sermon of the Resurrection. Women were the first to proclaim the Resurrection to the world. The greatest sermon ever preached—the one which rests the religion of Christ for all ages—was preached by a woman; may it, by a council, or synod, or presbytery, or conference of women, just as you choose to call it. 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